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SUBJECT: ERIC ZETTERBERG NEW UNDP RES REP MOZAMBIQUE

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1. ERIC ZETTERBERG (APP 61) AND AUSTRALIAN BORN WIFE LYNN (APP 55) ARE WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO BOTH AMBASSADOR AND DCM. BOTH SPOKE TO HIM OCT 16 PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FROM DOUALA TO PARIS OCT 17.

2. ZETTERBERG HAS BEEN UNDP RES REP EQUATORIAL GUINEA SINCE JULY 1974 AND HAS MADE TREMENDOUS EFFORT KEEP PROGRAM GOING IN SPITE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE WORKING CONDITONS AND SUSPICIONS HOST COUNTRY. HIS PREDECESSOR WAS PNGED (NOT UNKNOWN TO HAPPEN EVEN US DIPS) FOR INTERFERING INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND ZETTERBERG ARRIVED TO A STAGNANT PROGRAM AND GENERALLY LOW MORALE AMONG EMPLOYEES. DURING HIS TENURE HE HAS MANAGED IMPROVE STAFF WORKING AND LIVING CONDITIONS AND MADE MODEST EFFORTS GET SPECIFIC PROJECT ASSISTANCE. ICAO AND ITU HAVE HAD PROJECTS OF SHORT-TERM ASSISTANCE. UNESCO HAS FURNISHED SOME TEACHERS, WHILE ILL-CONCEIVED WORLD BANK ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECT

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FINALLY TERMINATED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT. UNIDO MOBIL

WORK SHOP PROJECT EXPECTED BEGIN SOON AND FAO COCOA REJUVINATION AND OIL PALM DEVELOPMENT MAY BE IMPLEMENTED.

3. PERHAPS ZETTERBERG'S GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT IS HE SURVIVED AND STILL FEELS RELATIVELY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT POSSIBILITIES UNDP BEING ABLE MAKE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION GROWTH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HIS PHILOSOPHY BASICALLY ATTEMPT IDENTIFY WHAT COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES ARE AND SEE IF HE CAN DEVELOP RELEVANT PROGRAMS THROUGH UN SYSTEM. HE DOES NOT APPEAR HAVE ANY IDEOLOGICAL COMMITMENT PARTICULAR MOODEL FOR DEVELOPMENT.

4. WITHIN LIMITED RESOURCE AVAILABILITY, DOUALA CONSUL ATTEMPTED FURNISH ADMINISTRATIVE BACKSTOPPING FOR UNDP AND OTHER MALABO MISSIONS. ZETTERBERG ALWAYS GRATEFUL AND ONE PRINCIPAL SOURCES INFO ON EG EVENTS (SEE SEPTEL, ESPECIALLY AFTER AMBASSADOR AND THEN DOUALA CONSUL PNGED. HE GENERALLY PRO-AMERICAN, BUT WILL ONLY DIVULGE WHAT HE THINKS IS APPROPRIATE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. AS HE HAS ACCESS INFO NOT USUALLY AVAILABLE AMERICANS, BELIEVE WITH PATIENCE AND TIME HE WILL BE VERY VALUABLE CONTACT.

5. ZETTERBERG SAID HE WAS READY RETIRE IF CHALLENGING ASSIGNMENT UNAVAILABLE. HOWEVER, MOZAMBIQUE IS ASSIGNMENT HE WELCOMES. ZETTERBERG WAS SWEDISH TRADE REP RHODESIA AND NYASALAND LATE 50'S AND HAS VISITED MAPUTO AND BEIRA MANY TIMES, SO HE FEELS LIKE HE RETURNING SOME PLACE HE HAS ALREADY BEEN. UNDP HEADQUARTERS WANTED LONG-TERM COMMITMENT, BUT HE PROMISED STAY 2-3 YEARS AND THEN MAKE LONGER TERM DECISION ON BASIS WHAT HAPPENS. WHILE HIS STAFF SMALL (6-8 EXPATRIATES AND ABOUT 20 LOCALS), AND BUDGET ONLY ABOUT \$21 MILLION, HE LOOKING FORWARD HIS ROLE AS SECY-GEN'S SPECIAL REP WITH COORDINATING AND REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES \$150 MILLION SPECIAL FUND. HE MEETING BALINSKI IN ROME AND GENEVA. HE INTENDS ARRIVE MAPUTO VIA LUSAKA END FIRST WEEK NOVEMBER. WIFE WILL FOLLOW IN APP ONE MONTH. CHILDRNE ARE ABOUT 21 AND 25 AND WILL NOT ACCOMPANY.

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